

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 5-18, 28, 29, 32-45 and 48-56 are currently active.

This is a Supplemental Amendment to the Amendment filed on April 21, 2004, except that Claim 56 is now written correctly. In the previous two amendments, Claim 56 was erroneously copied as Claim 55. A review of the claim history will show that Claim 56 was different than Claim 55, and is now properly reflected in the claim list. Except for this correcting regarding Claim 56, this Amendment is an exact duplicate of the Amendment dated April 21, 2004.

The Examiner has allowed Claims 1, 2, 5-13, 28, 29, 32-45 and 48-54.

The Examiner has indicated that Claims 14-18, 55 and 56 would be allowable if rewritten to overcome the rejection under 35 U.S.C. 112.

The Examiner has rejected Claims 14-18, 55 and 56 under 35 U.S.C. 112. Claim 14 has been amended to obviate this rejection.

In regard to the Examiner's question regarding the difference between Claims 55 and 56, Claim 55 pertains to returning clean coal to the mill. Claim 56 pertains to direct rejection of mill material and removal of separator reject.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, it is respectfully requested that the outstanding rejections and objections to this application be reconsidered and withdrawn, and Claims 1, 2, 5-18, 28, 29, 32-45 and 48-56, now in this application be allowed.

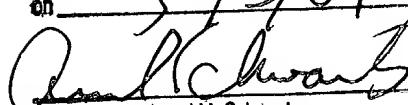
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